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**Ewing Werlein, Jr.**  
 Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
 Education: Southern Methodist 1958 BA; Texas 1961 LLB  
 Began Service: May 22, 1992  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1961); Associate then Partner, Vinson & Elkins (1964-1992)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1961-1964); United States Air Force Reserve (1964-1971)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American College of Trial Lawyers; Federal Bar Association; Houston Bar Association; Houston Bar Foundation, Houston Bar Association; International Society of Barristers; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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Date of Birth: 1947  
 Education: Pennsylvania 1970 BA; Houston 1973 JD  
 Began Service: April 2, 1990  
 Term Expires: April 2018

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John Brown (1973-1975); Law Clerk The Honorable Woodrow Seals (1975-1976)

**Government:** Assistant Federal Public Defender, State of Texas (1976-1982)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (1984-1990)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1982-1984)

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 Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
 Education: Rice 1967 BA; Rutgers 1970 MA; Syracuse 1973 JD  
 Began Service: 1985  
 Term Expires: 2012

**Government:** Attorney, State of Texas (1974-1976); Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Texas, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1982-1985)

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Date of Birth: 1948  
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 Began Service: July 31, 1987  
 Term Expires: July 30, 2015

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Smitherman, Lunn, Chastain & Hill (1978)

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 Term Expires: September 25, 2011

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana (1983-1987)

**Legal Practice:** Sanders, Downing, Kean & Cazdessus (1974-1980); Wesley W. Steen, A Professional Law Corporation (1980-1983); Steen, Rubin, Curry, Colvin & Joseph (1983-1984); Winstead, Sechrest & Minick, P.C. (1988-1997)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1968-1971)

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